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from the Chief Sailing Officer

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To Whom It May Concern

Petr Hloucal

Petr first came to the attention of this Club through his work with one of our suppliers, Yachting Solutions Ltd, delivering maintenance tasks on our fleet of J80 yachts jointly-owned with the Royal Yacht Squadron of Cowes. More lately, Petr worked for us as a direct contractor, maintaining the boats.

In particular, we employed Petr to oversee the transfer of the fleet of six boats from Cowes to our London sailing base and their preparation, along with two others, for the British-American Cup of 2010. This is a very important biennial international representative team racing contest between Great Britain and the United States sailed by World Squad and Olympic sailors from each country. The boats in which the event is to be sailed must be prepared to the very highest standards both individually and as an equally matched fleet, such that no boat has a speed or handling advantage over any other.

Working himself and supervising two others Petr conducted this project in exemplary manner and to such good effect that the sailors of both countries were highly complimentary about the state and level of preparedness of the fleet.

During the event (two days of practice and three days of racing) Petr also oversaw the provision of match support for the fleet – again in exemplary manner and earning high praise from these international and Olympic sailors.

Finally Petr put in place a maintenance regime to enable us to keep the boats in the condition that his work had achieved. It was our plan that Petr would then continue to act as fleet maintainer for us. It was a matter of great regret to us both in the matter of self-interest and in the context of our high regard for both Petr and Mila when these plans were abruptly curtailed by the after-effects of Petr's car accident, he could no longer work for us and we had to make other arrangements.

Should circumstances again permit we would have no hesitation in employing Petr to maintain our small fleet. He is a hard and uncomplaining worker who sets high standards for himself and accepts no short-term fix or second-best; he is highly knowledgeable and supremely competent.

I would have no hesitation in recommending Petr to anyone looking for a first-class person in this field.

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